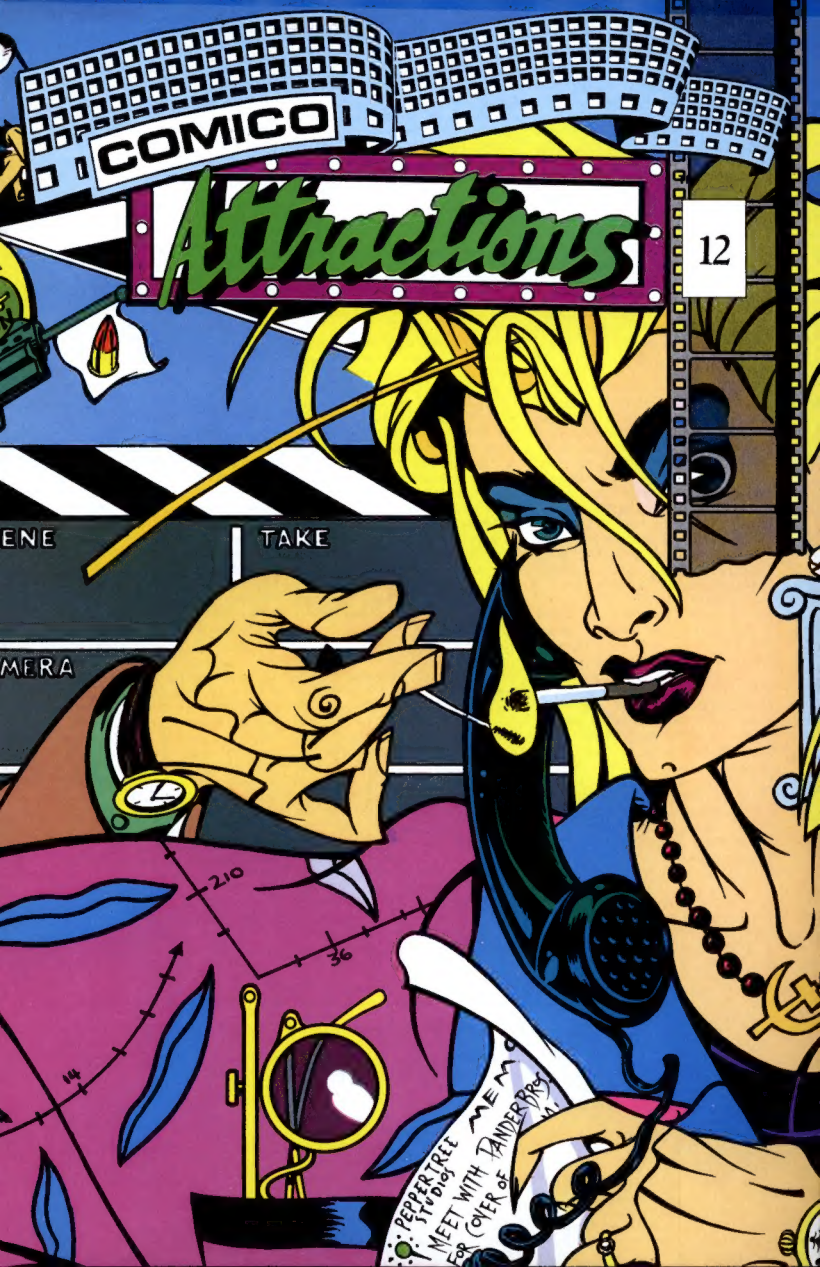
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It's a bird, it's a plane — it's a fish?! Well, we said there'd be more surprises in April! This month Comico is proud to present **The Fish Police** vol. 2, by **Steve Moncuse.** (Go ahead, go back to the rack, and see for yourself. I ain't kiddin'!) First we published the 40-page **Fish Police Special** and it did so well that we decided to publish the 96-page **Fish Police** graphic novel, and because we got along so well with Steve (and vice-versa!), we all decided it was time for Comico to publish the regular title!

For those lost in the murky waters of muddy confusion, **The Fish Police** is one of the funniest, or as **Harlan Ellison** would say, "wonkiest," most entertaining comics being produced today — bar none! There's this guy, he's an inspector, and one day he's just like you and me (well, not so much like *you*), and the next day he's all slimy and scaly and sensitive to words like: worm, hook, and tackle. Anyway, he's suddenly stuck in a weird underwater world filled with octopi newspaper men and beluga bosses, and he doesn't have a clue as to how he got there! Add some less than honorable prawns and a new girlfriend who's a goldfish named — yep — Goldie, and you haven't even scratched the surface! It's a great book — trust me!

When we were working on a way to be able to present **The Fish Police** to you, we ran into a bit of a dilemma. In order for Steve to produce enough issues in advance to maintain a bimonthly schedule that also allows for color processes, he needed some extra time. Now, we didn't want to leave you Fish-less for all those months between Steve's last black-and-white issue and our first color one, so . . . presto! On April 19th we will ship **The Fish Police** vol. 2 #5 and we will continue to release these color reprints twice a month through July. Then, in August, Comico will begin releasing all-new **Fish Police** stories on a bimonthly basis, beginning with issue #12. Combined with the graphic novel, Comico's color editions will give the collector the entire **Fish Police** saga in color!

Fish Police vol. 2 #5 through #11 will reprint the black-and-white stories from the original Fishwrap Productions series. They will also feature brand new covers by **Moncuse** and an all-new back-up feature entitled **Fish Shticks,** which will be written by **Moncuse** and illustrated by various artists. The first installment of **Fish Shticks** will begin in issue #6 and will be illustrated by **Steve Purcell!** Be on the lookout for a new pinup by **Steve "The Dude" Rude** as well, in issue #5. All in all, **The Fish Police** is a great series which Comico is proud to add to its line of high-quality comics. It's official, Steve — welcome aboard, mate!

New subject — follow me now! **Grendel, Grendel, Grendel!** Get ready, you sick and twisted **Grendel**maniacs, 'cause the **Grendel vol. I** trade paperback is shipping to your local store on May 10th! It's a prestige format compilation of all twelve issues of **Grendel** by **Matt Wagner,** the **Pander Bros.,** and **Jay Geldhof,** which were previously released in monthly installments last year. But this time we've taken out all the ads and hype pages, and had a chance to recolor several pages as well. This volume will also feature a brand new, stunning cover by the **Pander Bros.!**

What with so many graphic novels and prestige format books coming out, Comico has decreased its production of these types of books, in general, for 1988. However, after the tons of mail from **Grendel** fans, the many requests from retailers and distributors alike, and the fact that these twelve issues and their creators were Kirby Award-nominated up the wazoo — how could we *not* do this book?! It deserves it . . . better yet, it demands it! So here it comes and we hope you enjoy it!

Grendel, the series, is also going through some changes. **Matt Wagner's** last issue as both writer and artist will be out in May, which means that we won't see Kevin Matchstick again until **Mage II: The Hero Defined.** Look for that sometime in 1989. It also means that, in June, we will welcome **Hannibal King** and **Tim** *(Thieves' World)* **Sale** as the new art team. With their debut issue, **Grendel** will also become a full-color comic, featuring hand-painted colors. Providing the colors and a Wiggins-eye view for the **King/Sale** issues will be **Joe Matt,** who also colored some **Pander Bros.** covers as well as a couple of the **Bernie Mireault** issues.

Speaking of that dynamic duo from Amsterdam, I would like to thank the **Panders, Arnold** and **Jacob,** for the magnificent job done on this installment's cover and colors! As you can see, we've been keeping them up to their elbows in ink, drawing frantically away on a new four-issue miniseries: **Ginger Fox,** written by none other than Mr. **Mike** (Boom Boom) **Baron.** As the ad tag said: She's now, she's wow, she's back — in an all-new adventure filled with lots of butt-kickin' action and an up-close view of the less polished underbelly of that great big beast called Tinseltown! (That's Hollywood, folks!) As a follow-up to **The World of Ginger Fox,** which was picked by *Amazing Heroes* as one of the best graphic novels of 1986 and achieved national recognition in such prestigious publications as *Playboy, Advertising Age,* and *Step-by-Step Graphics Magazine,* we just had to give this great character her own mini-series in '88. The art is stunning and the story is one of Mike's finest to date! Look for it this summer!

Before I split, don't forget **The Jam: Super Cool Color-Injected Turbo Adventure #1 from Hell!** by that crazy Canadian **Bernie Mireault** and the **Robotech Special: Dana's Story** by **Joplin, Tenney, Chen,** and **Reilly** (with a phenomenal cover by **Ken Steacy** — another crazy Canadian!), both due in your shops in May! Also, be prepared for some more new title announcements for this coming summer, which might include a very long-awaited comic — if you catch my drift! Maybe next time a response to my Tortured Ego plea may be in order — who knows? Till then, have fun and walk lightly amongst the dinosaurs!

Just trying to be,
Bob Schreck
Administrative Director

MAY

Shipping May 3, 1988

FISH POLICE vol. 2 #6: *Hook kills Inspector Gill's partner of six hours, so Gill begins an out-of-control, blood-crazed mission of revenge . . . in his spare time. This issue continues the story line, re-presenting Fishwrap's sixth black-and-white issue, now in color for the very first time. This critically acclaimed series is written and illustrated by* ***Steve Moncuse*** *and colored by* ***Tom Vincent.*** *This issue also marks the debut of* ***Fish Shticks,*** *a brand new back-up feature written by* ***Steve Moncuse*** *and drawn by a variety of artists. This issue's installment is illustrated by* ***Steve Purcell.***

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #27: *Captain Gloval is forced to ally himself with the Zentraedi commanders, Breetai and Azonia, while Dolza shows up on the scene with 4.8 million ships . . . ready to attack! "Force of Arms" is scripted by* ***Markälan Joplin,*** *pencilled by* ***Mike Leeke,*** *and inked by* ***Mike Chen.***

JUSTICE MACHINE #17: *Blazer and Youthquake are the last of the team to remain "unchanged" by Hamilton. In a desperate bid to escape his grasp, they find there's no place to run on an island . . . except right into the hands of their "transformed" teammates. ". . . And Four to Go" is written by* ***Doug Murray,*** *pencilled by guest artist* ***Rik Levins,*** *and inked by JM creator* ***Mike Gustovich.***

GRENDEL #19: *The conclusion to a two-part novel by* ***Matt Wagner,*** *this issue wraps up the tale of Tommy*

Nuncio, as narrated by Detective Wiggins. Nobody likes a stool pigeon — especially Grendel. This issue also contains the conclusion of the four-page **Mage** *back-up featuring Kevin Matchstick, and marks the character's last appearance for at least another year.* **Tom Vincent** *colors the feature story as* **Matt Wagner** *provides the rest. No ads or in-house hype. This issue contains harsh language and adult themes. Parental Guidance Suggested.*

THE JAM: Super Cool Color-Injected Turbo Adventure #1 from Hell!: *Bernie Mireault's vision of an urban vigilante is a fresh and interesting twist on a theme. In an all-new story featuring the same characters found in the black-and-white series from Matrix Graphics, the Jammer foils a robbery attempt only to find himself faced with a heavy moral decision and a month's rent to pay. It's 40 pages of nuclear fun, including a* **Jam** *pin-up by* **Matt Wagner!** *It's all hilariously written, beautifully illustrated, and hand-colored by* **Bernie Mireault.** *Some harsh language.*

Shipping May 10th, 1988

GRENDEL Vol. I: *A true graphic novel, this 312-page trade paperback comprises the first 12 issues of 1987's hit series by the Kirby Award-nominated team of creator/writer* **Matt Wagner** *and the popular* **Pander Brothers!** *Presented here for the very first time in one deluxe volume, the entire saga of Christine Spar is reprinted in its entirety without the interruptions of ads or hype pages. Written by* **Matt Wagner,** *pencilled by the* **Pander Bros.,** *and inked by* **Jay Geldhof** *and the* **Pander Bros.,** *this volume also features a new painted cover by the* **Pander Bros.**

Shipping May 17, 1988

ELEMENTALS #25: *Hot on the trail of the arsonist responsible for Jeanette's death, the Elementals arrive in Detroit, just in time for the traditional festivities of "Devil's Night" — which could turn out to be hellish for the team! Written by* **Jack Herman,** *pencilled by* **Jill Thompson,** *inked by* **Keith S. Wilson,** *and colored by* **Kurt Mausert.**

FISH POLICE vol. 2 #7: *Inspector Gill runs his errands: the shopping list includes beer and bullets! This issue continues the story line as it represents Fishwrap's seventh black-and-white issue, now in color for the very first time. It is written and illustrated by* **Steve Moncuse** *and colored by* **Tom Vincent.** *Also: a brand new* **Fish Shticks** *back-up story, written by* **Steve Moncuse** *and illustrated by* **Gary Thomas Washington.**

JONNY QUEST #24: *In the conclusion of this two-part story, Benton Quest has switched places with a look-alike prince in order to protect the throne from the evil Duke Hubert. Benton can pass any test of intelligence, but what of the test of strength? "The Prisoner of Starkgrau" is written by* **William Messner-Loebs** *and illustrated by* **Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,** *and* **Kathryn Mayer.**

ROBOTECH SPECIAL: Dana's Story: *Everyone has pulled out all the stops in bringing this 40-page, painted-color, special edition to life! It's the origin story that serves as a bridging device connecting* **The Macross Saga** *and* **Masters'** *story lines. More than a re-presentation of the TV episode, this special incorporates never-before-seen events from Ballantine's series of* **Robotech** *books. A must-have for the* **Robotech** *completist,* **Dana's Story** *examines in-depth the origin of protoculture and the till-now secret motivations of the Robotech Masters. Written by* **Markälan Joplin** *and beautifully illustrated by penciller* **Thomas A. Tenney,** *inker* **Mike Chen,** *and painter* **Tom Reilly,** *this is a* **Robotech** *collector's dream come true!*

JUNE

Shipping June 7th, 1988

FISH POLICE vol. 2 #8: *Inspector Gill makes friends with Agent Bass; Agent Bass makes friends with Goldfish; Angelfish makes friends with Braque; Hook still has no friends. It's all a part of "S.H.A.R.K. Bait III" by writer/artist* **Steve Moncuse** *and colorist* **Tom Vincent.** *Plus: a new* **Fish Shticks** *story by* **Steve Moncuse,** *illustrated by Eddy Current and Transit artist* **Ted McKeever.**

GRENDEL #20: *Detective Wiggins, now an old man, has capitalized on his association with Grendel, and the Devil takes his due in "The Devil is Paranoiac." This bold new storytelling experiment by creator* **Matt Wagner** *features the debut of penciller* **Hannibal King** *and embellisher* **Tim Sale** *on the series, with additional artwork and full-process painted color by* **Joe Matt.** *Painted cover by* **Ron Turner.** *This issue contains adult themes and harsh language. Parental Guidance Suggested.*

JUSTICE MACHINE #18: *Challenger, Blazer, and Youthquake — defeated! Titan, Diviner, and Talisman — dead? Who is left to stand against the evil of New Atlantis? "Demon Returned" is pencilled by creator* **Mike Gustovich,** *scripted by* **Doug Murray,** *and introduces new inker* **Dell Barras.**

Shipping June 14th, 1988

ROCKETEER POSTER: *This is the one you've been waiting for! The 15" by 22" poster features the cover illustration to* **The Rocketeer Adventure Magazine #1.** *We knew as soon as we saw the stunning* **Dave Stevens** *artwork that everyone was going to want one of these, and why should we deny you?! What better way to celebrate the return of the* **Rocketeer** *comic book in July? Every poster will be rolled and tubed, ready to be framed and exhibited with your other great art! Don't thank us — it was our pleasure!*

ROBOTECH The New Generation #24: *At last! The conclusion of the Robotech Wars. Will it be the beginning of a new age — or the beginning of the end? "Dark Finale" is adapted by scripter* **Markälan Joplin,** *pencilled by* **Thomas A. Tenney,** *and inked by* **Rich Rankin.**

Shipping June 21st, 1988

COMICO ATTRACTIONS #13: *More news, views, and previews from the folks at Comico. This month features a glimpse of* **Adam Kubert's** *artwork for the upcoming* **Jezebel Jade** *mini-series and a new* **Fish Police** *pinup by* **Steve Moncuse.**

ELEMENTALS #26: *In this Vortex solo story, details of Jeff's past emerge when a KGB assassin hijacks an American flagged Persian oil tanker. "Special Forces" is written by* **Jack Herman,** *pencilled by guest artist* **Mike Chen,** *and inked by* **Keith Wilson.**

FISH POLICE vol. 2 #9: *It's a day full of surprises as Angelfish, Braque, and Calamari attack Hook, while Lord Tetra visits the Fish Police and Inspector Gill makes a decision. "S.H.A.R.K. Bait IV" is written and pencilled by creator* **Steve Moncuse** *and colored by* **Tom Vincent.** *Also, a new* **Fish Shticks** *story written by* **Steve Moncuse** *and illustrated by* **Valentino.**

JONNY QUEST #25: *A new Bandit solo story features everyone's best friend lost in the streets of the city and adopted by a lonely bag lady. "Butch" is a tale of canine cunning and devotion by author* **William Messner-Loebs,** *illustrated by* **Marc Hempel, Mark Wheatley,** *and* **Kathryn Mayer.**

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #28: *The Micronians are singing the "Reconstruction Blues" as the citizens of the SDF-1 attempt to rebuild their shattered lives along with the now-peaceful Zentraedi, while Rick searches for any signs of life on the barren Earth. Written by* **Markälan Joplin,** *pencilled by* **Mike Leeke,** *and inked by* **Mike Chen.**

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